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MISSIONS (MLM) PERSONNEL AS OBSERVERS

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1. IN TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION UK AND FRENCH BONN GROUP
REPS, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAVE EXPRESSED AGREE-
MENT WITH US VIEWS (REF B) ON UNDESIRABILITY OF INVITING
SOVIET MLM PERSONNEL IN FRG TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS OF
MANEUVERS. BOTH REPS STATE ALSO THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
OPPOSED EXPANDING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE ALLIED S
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MLM'S IN POTSDAM TO INCLUDE A CBM OBSERVER ROLE.

2. WE THINK IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE FRG WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE INVITING PERSONNEL OF SOVIET MLM'S TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS WHEN WE RAISE THE QUESTION IN THE FULL BONN GROUP EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. AS ONE FONOFF OFFICIAL HAS NOTED IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT, THE SOVIET MLM'S ARE A REMNANT OF OCCUPATION POLICY WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES THE FRG HAS NO INTEREST IN INCREASING. MOREOVER, BECAUSE THE ALLIED AND SOVIET MISSIONS FUNCTION ONLY IN THE GDR AND THE FRG, RESPECTIVELY, THEIR USE AS OBSERVERS WOULD TEND TO GIVE A SPECIAL GERMAN FOCUS TO CBM'S WHICH WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNPALATABLE.
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